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*THE HILLTOP*







# Dedication

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WE, THE CLASSES OF 1949 AND 1950, TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN DEDICATING THIS ISSUE OF THE HILL-  
TOP TO MR. ROBBINS, OUR PRINCIPAL. MR. ROBBINS HAS BEEN WITH US FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. WE HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH HIM, AND WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE HELP HE HAS GIVEN US.





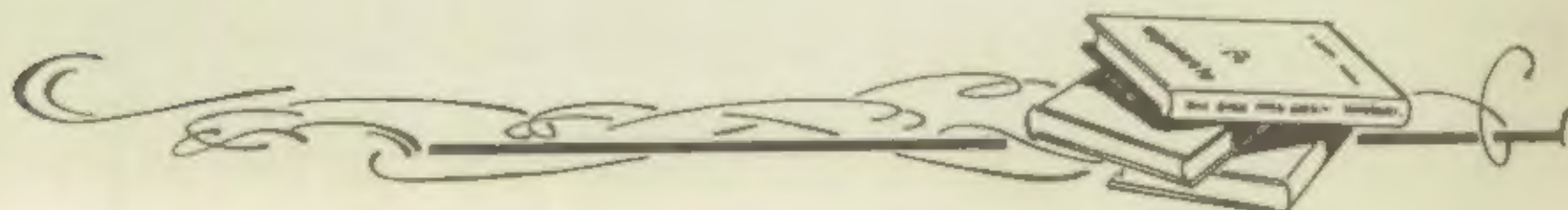


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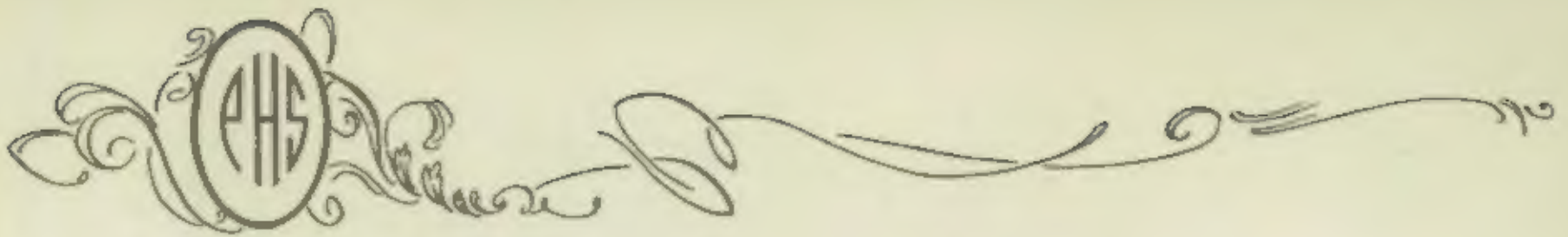
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## Foreword

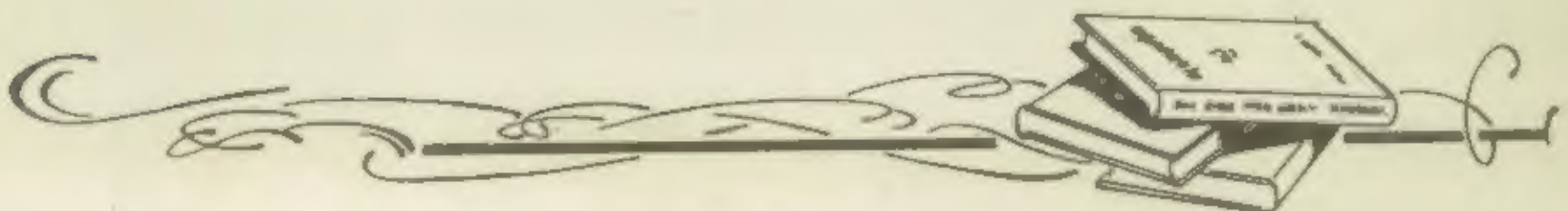
This yearbook is an educational project which involves learning in many varied fields.

To introduce this publication I shall describe briefly what has been done this year. In a meeting of the Student Council the students discussed the method of printing, selling price, advertising, staff, and contents of the yearbook. It was decided, by the town meeting method, to change some existing methods of production and to follow a pattern established by publishers. The method of printing is not by our mimeograph, but by a company (Eaton-Cunningham Co., of Kansas City, Missouri) equipped for this purpose. The selling price has been established at the cost of printing. The advertising is sold with the attitude of business--that is, no copies are complimentary to advertisers. Free copies are to be given to the school, the library, and the Historical Society. The profit, which is from the advertising, is to be divided between the Juniors and the Seniors, and it is to be applied to the expenses of the annual Washington trip.

The staff consists of Juniors and Seniors, and they are guided by the English teacher, the art teacher, and the commercial teacher. The contents are essentially the same as in previous yearbooks.

I feel certain that this publication when opened in 2000 A.D. by a present member of the school will be worth its weight in radium.

William P. Robbins, Principal









Faculty





Best Wishes  
from  
The Faculty

William P. Robbins  
Laura D. Amiden  
Amy J. Bagley  
Frances R. Bates  
Hazel C. Cobb  
Pauline E. Dawson  
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Kathryn Baldwin "Kat"

Class History  
 Vice President 1, 2, 3.  
 Treasurer 4.  
 Basketball 2, 4.  
 Hilltop 2, 3, 4.  
 Senior Play 4.

Whizzi! Wow! That was Kathryn, class mischief-maker and star guard. Kathryn plans to enter nursing in the fall. Best of luck to you, Kat.

Robert Douthit "Bobby"

Class Will and Prophecy  
 Vice President 4.  
 Treasurer 1, 2, 3.  
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.  
 Hilltop 2, 4.  
 Senior Play 4.  
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Although Bobby is the baby of the class, he manages to take care of himself. He plans to enter preparatory school in the fall. Best of luck, Bobby.







## SENIOR NEWS

In September, 1948, five students registered as Seniors at P.H.S. They were Kathryn Baldwin, Randolph Burdett, Robert Douthit, Beverly Elliott, and Melvin Merritt--one less than were Juniors last term, Bob Gunter having left our ranks to go to Cushing Academy. At our first class meeting the following officers were elected: Beverly Elliott, President; Robert Douthit, Vice President; Kathryn Baldwin, Treasurer; Melvin Merritt, Secretary. The class advisor was Miss Amsden. Randolph left us in November, and he is now in the Navy.

Our first activity was the Senior Dance, which was held on October 29, 1948. We used a Halloween motif. Ziggy Wagner's Orchestra furnished the music. The dance was financially and socially successful.

In the last part of October we started rehearsing for the Senior Play, a three-act mystery comedy called The Singing Ghost. It was presented on December 17, 1948. The play was about Norma Drake, daughter of a famous singer, Martha Drake. Norma suspected that her mother had been murdered at a weekend party she had given, and set about making arrangements to have another party including the people who had been her mother's guests. Norma tried to set her party exactly as her mother's had been. She had an automatic phonograph playing to sound like the ghost of her mother. Complications developed but Norma solved the mystery, finding her mother's murderer. The members of the cast were: Kathryn Baldwin, Constance Barnes, Carol Cooper, Robert Douthit, Beverly Elliott, Frederick Elliott, Roger Greenough, Marjorie Harper, June Legare, Melvin Merritt, and Carolyn Thayer. The members of the staff who helped make the play a success were: Jimmie Johnson and Ann Bryant, prompters; Beverly Elliott and Jimmie Johnson, property managers; Beverly Elliott and Kathryn Baldwin, business managers; Nancy Adams, sound effects; and Richard Warrington, lights and curtain. Mr. Bagley was the coach and Miss Amsden was the art advisor. To all these people we owe a great deal of thanks.

Next came basketball season. A Senior girl, Beverly Elliott, was chosen captain of the girls' team and a Senior boy, Melvin Merritt, was chosen captain of the boys' team. At the home games this season the Seniors sold soda, candy bars, and fudge.

On February 11, we had a Record Hop in the P.H.S. gymnasium. Music was supplied from records played on Mr. Bagley's amplifier. A good time was had by all and it was a financial success as well. Generous townspeople donated rummage for a rummage sale which was held in the band room above the Post Office on February 12. This was another success. Now we are planning other social affairs and parties to earn money for our trip to Washington, about which we are very excited.

Beverly Elliott '49









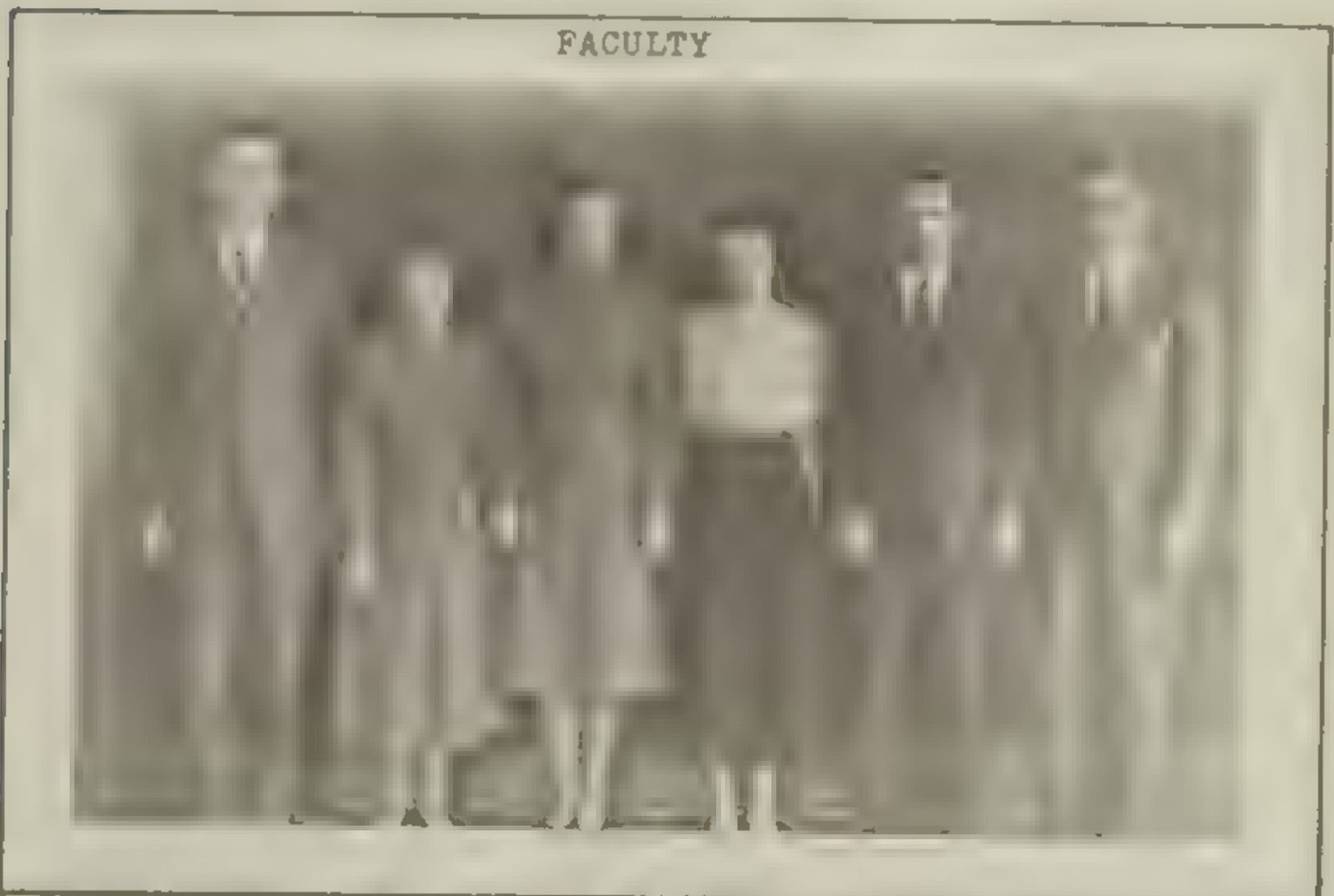
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Left to right: George Kecos, Constance Barnes, James Johnson



Left to right: Mr. Bagley (English), Miss Amsden (Art), Miss McCarthy (Home Economics), Miss Dawson (Commercial), Mr. Robbins (Principal and Science), and Mr. Olson (Social Studies and Biology).





## J U N I O R   N E W S

The members of the Junior Class this year were as follows:  
Constance Barnes, James Johnson, and George Recos.

At our first class meeting we elected the following officers:  
President, George Recos; Vice-President, James Johnson; and Secretary and Treasurer, Constance Barnes. Mr. Bagley was our class adviser.

This year, for the first time, The Hilltop is being sponsored by the Junior and Senior Classes together. They are working on it together, and any profit from it will be divided between the two classes.

Plans are being made for the Junior Prom, which will be held on May 6.

Connie Barnes '50

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### JOE DIMAGGIO

I know a guy, his name is Joe;  
You know his last--Dimaggio.  
He plays ball for the Yankees team,  
And when he swats, he's "on the beam."

One day he hit 'tween short and first,  
And now the shortstop's in a hearse.  
And then he hit a grand home run--  
The Yankees won by two to one.

Clarke Johnson '53

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Mr. Robbins: This is the fifth day you have been sent to my office. What have you to say for yourself?

Roger : I'm sure glad today is Friday.









Sophomores







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## SOPHOMORES



Front row, left to right: Barbara Merritt, June Legare, Lucille Cooley, Marjorie Harper, and Carol Cooper.

Back row, left to right: Shirley Dorow, Norrance Cooley, Ernest Phillips, Frederick Elliott, and Sally Harris.

## FRESHMEN

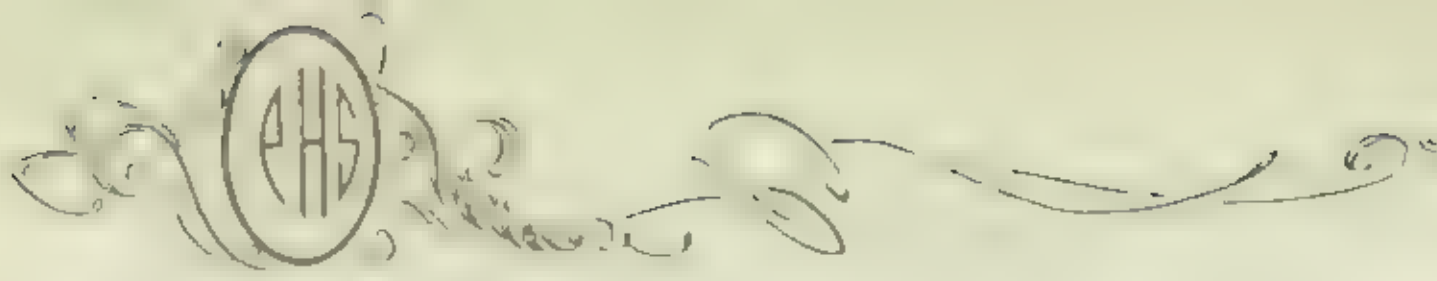


Front row, left to right: Robert Thayer, Roger Gibson, Nancy Adams, and Ann Yonker. Vera Varney--Absent.

Back row, left to right: Basil Coolidge, Jerome Walsh, Allen Phillips, Carolyn Thayer, and Ann Bryant.







## SOPHOMORE NEWS

At the beginning of this year ten Sophomores came back to school and at once started planning for the much anticipated Freshman Initiation. The members of the class were: Dorrance Cooley, Lucille Cooley, Carol Cooper, Shirley Dorow, Frederick Elliott, Marjorie Harper, Sally Harris, June Legare, Barbara Merritt, and Ernest Phillips.

Class officers of the Sophomore class were: President, June Legare; Vice President, Frederick Elliott; Secretary and Treasurer, Sally Harris. The class advisor was Miss McCarthy.

On October 1 the Freshman Initiation finally arrived. In the first event the Freshmen took part in a mock wedding, and after that they read speeches prepared for them by the Sophomores and were made to pay consequences.

Carol Cooper '51

## FRESHMAN NEWS

On September 8, 1948 ten frightened Freshmen entered Petersham High School. As is the custom, we all ran for the back seats. They were reserved for the Seniors.

The members of the class were: Nancy Adams, Ann Bryant, Basil Coolidge, Roger Greenough, Alden Phillips, Carolyn Thayer, Robert Thayer, Vera Varney, Jerome Walsh, and Ann Yonker.

The class officers were: President, Basil Coolidge; Vice President, Alden Phillips; Secretary, Ann Bryant; and Treasurer, Jerome Walsh. The class advisor was Miss Dawson.

The first public appearance of our class was the Freshman Initiation, sponsored by the Sophomores. What a happy day when that was over!

The only activity which the Freshmen feature is a sports dance which will be held March 25, after the tournament games are over. The basketball letters for this year will be given out at that dance. Before the dance the members of the basketball teams will be guests of the Parent-Teachers Association at a banquet in the Grange Hall.

Ann Bryant '52



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Elementary



# FIFTH GRADE



Left to right: William Hood, Betty Russell, Clarence Young, Judith Bates, Francis Baldwin, Clarke Johnson, Jane Iott, Michael Pisarski, Barbara Barnes, Theodore Taistle, Flora Fisher, Marilyn Edwards, Marilee Burnham, Eva Adams, Elizabeth Gunter.

# SEVENTH GRADE



Left to right: Robert Leeds, Donald Baldwin, Wayne Elliott, Judith Cooper, Carolyn Loutch, Lyio Perkins, Peter Pettitt, Charlie Perkins, Robert Schirriff.







## J U N I O R   H I G H   N E W S

The eighth grade started the year with the following students: Eva Adams, Francis Baldwin, Barbara Barnes, Judy Bates, Marilee Burnham, Marilyn Edwards, Flora Fisher, Elizabeth Gunter, William Hood, Jane Iott, Clarke Johnson, Michael Pisarski, Betty Russell, Theodore Thistle, and Clarence Young. The following were new this year: William Hood, Clarke Johnson, and Clarence Young.

The seventh grade started the year with the following students: Donald Baldwin, Peter Burdett, Judy Cooper, George Dorow, Carolyn Douthit, Wayne Elliott, Charles Perkins, Clyde Perkins, and Robert Recos. About the first of October Robert Schimpff joined the class.

At the first meeting of our Civics Club nomination of officers was held. The next week we voted and the following officers were elected: President, Barbara Barnes; Secretary, Flora Fisher; Treasurer, Judy Cooper; Assistant Secretary, Robert Recos; and Assistant Treasurer, Theodore Thistle. Judy Bates was elected treasurer of the eighth grade funds.

For the Christmas program we all recited the poem Good King Wenceslas. Judy Bates and Robert Schimpff said solo parts. We also sang the song Here Comes Santa Claus.

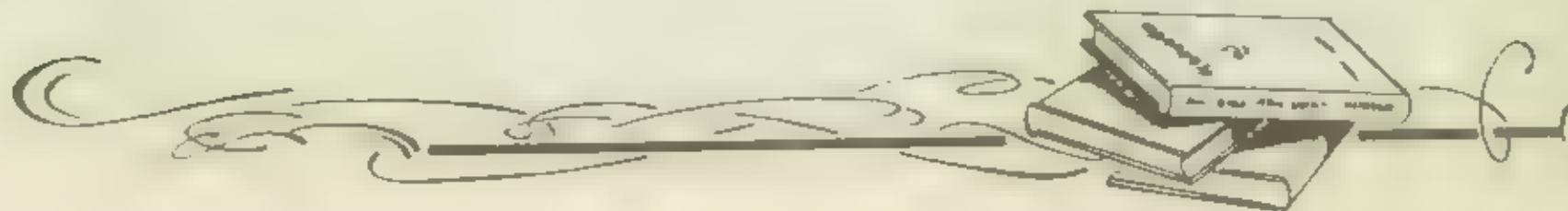
Two girls from the eighth grade, Jane Iott and Barbara Barnes, served as cheerleaders for our basketball games. They did an excellent job.

We are now planning a one-act play called Who Gets the Car Tonight? Those participating are: Wayne Elliott, Elizabeth Gunter, Jane Iott, Michael Pisarski, and Robert Schimpff. Clarke Johnson and Clarence Young are planning to do a comedy act before the play. There will be dancing after the play.

This was the first year of the six-year high school system and we enjoyed having different teachers instead of just one.

It was a wonderful year.

Judy Bates '53  
Judy Cooper '54







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# Athletics





## Basketball Teams



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: SHIRLEY DOLAN, VICTORIA HARRIS, CAMERON THAYER, MELVIN WHEAT (CAPTAIN), NANCY ADAMS, LUCILLE COOLEY, AND CAROL COOPER.

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: JUDITH COOPER, ANN HARRIS, BETTY BARNES, AND EVA BARNES.

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: JANE IOTT, JUDITH COOPER, MARILKE BURNHAM, ELIZABETH BARNES, CAMERON THAYER, PEARL BARNES, AND BARBARA BARNES. JANE IOTT AND BARBARA BARNES WERE THE CHEERLEADERS.



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: BASIL COOLIDGE, ERNEST PHILLIPS, ALDEN PHILLIPS, MELVIN WHEAT (CAPTAIN), ROBERT DOWDIT, CLARKE JOHNSON, AND ROBERT THAYER.

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: THEODORE THISTLE, WAYNE ELLIOTT, FREDERICK ELLIOTT, JEROME WALSH, JAMES JOHNSON, AND ROGER GREENOUGH.





## Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS
December 21	Hardwick	Here	16-31	24-33
January 4	Powers	There	31-29	19-15
January 11	New Salem	There	25-18	32-19
January 17	Princeton	Here	27-14	30-13
January 21	Barre	Here	33-23	28-32
January 25	Hardwick	There	45-41	34-39
February 1	New Salem	Here	23-16	20-24
February 4	Barre	There	23-21	16-36
February 8	Powers	Here	20-16	33-28
February 15	Princeton	Here	21-21	29-24
February 18	Princeton	There	30-21	40-19
Total Points			294-251	305-282

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

In November the girls started practicing for what turned out to be a most successful season. About eighteen girls came out for practice, with Miss McCarthy as their coach. Practice was held after school two or three times a week. Beverly Elliott was elected captain of the team.

The first game was played on December 21 with Hardwick, and the last game was played on February 18 with Princeton. At the end of the season the girls had won nine games, had lost only one game (to Hardwick) and had tied one game (with Princeton).

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

The boys started practicing in November, also, and about fourteen boys came out for the team. Mr. Robbins was their coach. Practice was held after school two or three times a week. The boys elected Melvin Merritt as their captain.

Their first game was with Hardwick on December 21 and their last game before the tournament was with Princeton on February 18. Up to that time they had won six games and lost five. The team entered the Tri-State Basketball Tournament at Orange and played two games, one with Barre on March 9, in which Barre won 44-36, and one with Rutland on March 11, in which Rutland won 51-22. We are very proud that Melvin Merritt was awarded a place on the All-Star Tourney Team. Altogether the boys ran against some stiff competition and we think they did very well.









On January 14 the boys played a special game against the Petersham Ancient Dribblers, a team made up of some of the past masters of basketball in Petersham. The boys won 24-23. That same evening the girls played a scrimmage game.

### Baseball Calendar

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
May 4	Princeton	Here
May 11	Hardwick	Here
May 16	New Salem	There
May 20	Princeton	There
May 25	Hardwick	There
June 6	New Salem	Here

Games will be held at 3:00 P.M.

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### THE MISSING JEWEL TRUNK

A great many years ago on an island there was a cave where some pirates had hidden their jewels in big trunks. The leader of the pirates was named Pirate Jack. He was a dangerous man, who would just as soon shoot you as look at you.

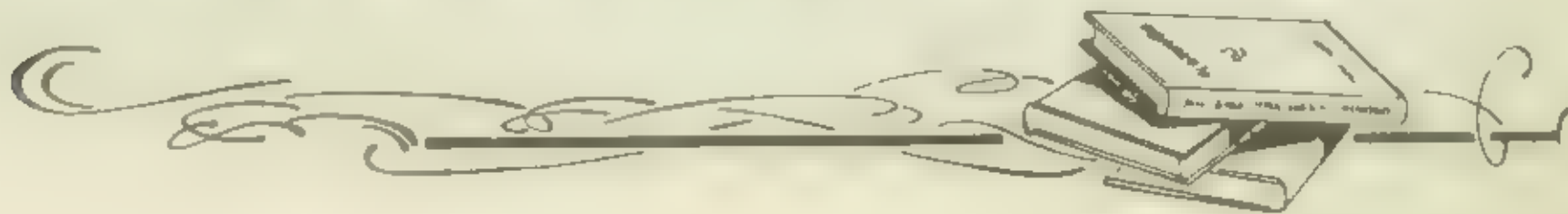
One day when Pirate Jack went back to his cave, he found one of his trunks missing--the most valuable one, which was worth millions. He searched the whole island, but he could not find it. He told his twelve men that he would kill them all if they did not find the trunk in another day.

His men were worried. In the night they slipped away and sailed for a year and a day. One of them remembered that Pirate Jack had hidden the trunk on another island. They went there and took the trunk and were rich for the rest of their lives. And they never heard from Pirate Jack again.

Michael Pisarski '53

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Dorrance: Why are you carrying that ladder around?  
Robert T.: I've just been promoted to high school.







# Activities







## Events

### Magazine Drive

On September 17 Del Cbert visited the school once again. He started our preparations for the magazine sale, which lasted for ten days. The school sold four-hundred seventy-five dollars worth and kept one-hundred and seventy-eight dollars. Sally Harris was high salesman with seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents.

### Hot Lunches

Hot lunches have been served almost every day. They started on October 4, 1948. The Foods Class of the High School has prepared the lunches during the first three periods each day. The price of twenty cents has been charged for each meal. Some of the students have helped with the work of clearing away and washing dishes. Miss McCarthy has been in charge of the hot lunch program.

### Trips

Trips have been made by the High School and Junior High to several places this year. On October 7 five boys went with Mr. Robbins to Worcester in the afternoon to see a science demonstration called "The House of Magic". The group saw experiments which demonstrated many of the forces in nature. On October 8 about thirty members of the school went to Worcester in the afternoon to hear the United States Marine Band play in the Worcester Auditorium. The band was very colorful in its military uniforms, and it gave an exciting concert. On November 4 about twenty-five pupils and several of the teachers went to Clark University to see a production of the play As You Like It. The play was well acted and turned out to be fun to watch. On November 18 about forty-five members of the school went to Athol in the afternoon to see the film Henry V. On Sunday, December 5, Mr. Bagley took five members of the Junior and Senior classes to Boston to see the movie Hamlet. These trips have been high spots of the school year for some of us. We hope we may have more like them.

### Armistice Day Party

On November 11 the whole school had a party from seven o'clock until ten-thirty in the gymnasium. Games were played and refreshments were served. There was dancing also. The party was planned and arranged by the Student Council.







## Events

### Basketball Court

Members of the Seventh and Eighth Grades fixed a basketball court back of the gymnasium, on the hot top. It has been used a great deal on days when the weather has permitted outdoor play.

### Movies

Movies were shown during some of the noon periods this year, especially on stormy days. The projector given to the town was used. Mr. Robbins taught the members of the Physics Class how to run it. They have taken turns at it. The films that have been shown have, for the most part, been obtained free from the University of Massachusetts.

### Presents for the Veterans in Rutland

At Christmas time the school had a drive to collect presents for the disabled veterans to give to their parents and friends. The presents were sent to the Veterans hospital in Rutland.

### Speaking Contest

On February 18 four members of the Civics Class had a speaking contest. Their subjects dealt with the origin and the history of the Constitution. First prize of five dollars went to Marjorie Harper and second prize of two dollars went to Carol Cooper. The prizes were given by the local post of the American Legion.

### Flower Project

Mr. Robbins is planning to have his General Science Class have a flower and vegetable project. The flowers will be planted in front of the school and the vegetables behind the school. It is expected that the flowers and vegetables will be ready at the time of the annual fair and that they can be exhibited in the fair.

Robert Douthitt '49









## ONE OF LIFE'S MANY JOYS

Dear radio listeners, do you have a baby in your family? If you have, you'll know and understand what I'm talking about, and those of you who haven't--well, here is a typical baby's routine. Anything that happens from here on is purely habitual.

About six a.m. the family's pride and joy sounds off. For a while the little darling is content simply in waking up mother, but when the bottle warmer refuses to warm the bottle, he really begins. One by one everyone is oh so gently aroused. Nothing like getting up at six a.m., I always say! When things finally quiet down, baby sleeps on, while we put toothpicks between the lids of our eyes and wander around like lost sheep.

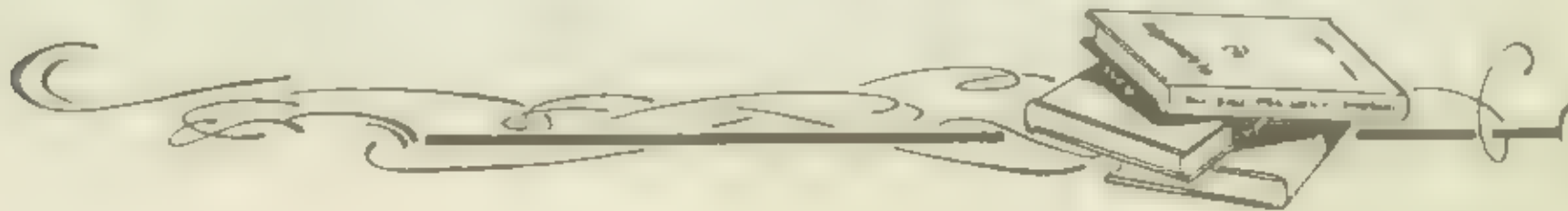
With exceedingly good luck Mother's little darling will sleep until ten o'clock. That, my friends, is bath time! Every mother's joy! The little dear gurgles happily, while you dash here and there and there and here. Now you tip over the baby oil and Baby tips over the dish of pins. In general you go mad! Again our angel goes to bed (and to sleep, we hope). He is completely at peace, watching you tear out the remaining strands of hair on your head. He has had his bath, his cereal, and another bath (to clean off the cereal) and has gone to bed with the familiar bottle.

There will now be a brief pause for silent prayer-----!

Peace comes until about twelve o'clock, when the master of the household decides he is ready to eat again. Believe me this is the greatest trial of all! It goes something like this: Baby wakes up and starts throwing his authority around. You dash to the refrigerator and get his food. We'll have carrots and prunes, as they make a nice mess. While you try to heat them, Junior throws one of his loudest tantrums. By this time you feel like cramming prunes, carrots, spoon, and dish right down his throat! Control yourself, pal, it would never do! After a few mouthfuls Baby decides to sneeze. Carrots everywhere--eek! Your nice white blouse suddenly has orange polka dots. For your sake, I certainly hope orange is your color. Now Baby again quiets down (after his third bath of the day). You need a good long rest in the nearest sanitarium.

Although I have left out the six p.m. feeding, I don't think any of us are exactly up to it and it's much the same as the others; so if you'll excuse me I'll quietly go back to my lonely, but oh so babyless, padded cell with the man in the white suit. Good-bye for now. You can tune in tomorrow for the same installment.

June Legare '51









## I'LL WAIT

It was a beautiful spring day. Everywhere there could be seen people walking about and children playing gaily together. But Betty and Bill were not happy, for it had come at last, that fateful day when Betty was to move away. All their thoughts now were centered on remembering the fun they'd always had together. For you see, they had lived next door to each other for five years, and their friendship had grown more with each year. There were the memories of the ice-cream sodas, the movies, and the fun of swimming in the summer and skating and sliding in the winter. Yes, it was hard to believe that it would soon be all over.

Betty was a pretty girl, with blonde hair and blue eyes. To some it might seem that Betty wasn't as worried about the whole thing as Bill was, though she knew she'd miss him. As for Bill, well, he was quite in anguish about the whole thing and kept reminding Betty that he would wait for her.

"I'll wait," he said, "because I'm sure it won't be for long." So they made their plans; when she came back, he'd be waiting for her and soon there would be a wedding day, with everyone smiling radiantly at the happy pair. Then they'd be ever so glad and could never be parted like this again.

On and on they talked, as people who have a great deal to remember often do. But suddenly their reverie was shattered as Betty's father and mother came out of the house, suitcases in hand.

"Come, dear," they said. "Everything is all ready, and we must leave now. Good-bye, Bill."

"I guess I'll have to go now, Bill," said Betty. "Don't forget your promise! Bye."

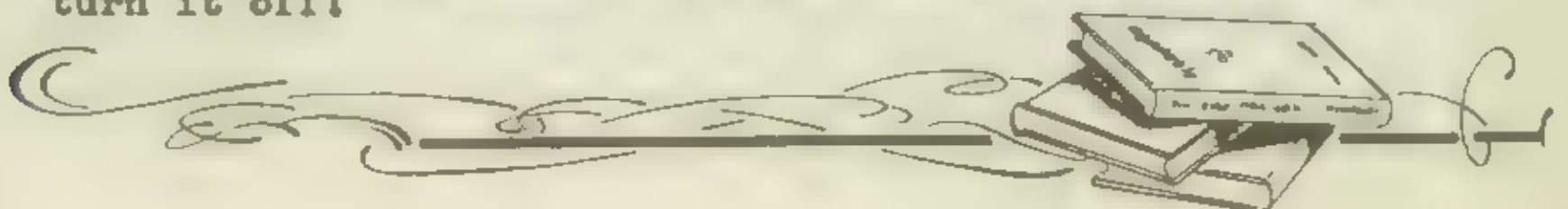
"I won't forget," said Bill; then he added again, "I'll wait."

Many people will long remember the sorrowful face of the nine year old boy as he waved a wistful good-bye to his pretty, tear-stained, eight year old playmate.

Carol Cooper '51

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Nit: Betcha you can't climb up the beam of my flashlight.  
Wit: Do you think I'm crazy? I'd get half way up and you'd turn it off!



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## MY FIRST HUNTING TRIP

I have wanted to go hunting for a long time. I think I got my first real interest in hunting through the outdoor magazine my mother gave me for Christmas a few years ago. My Dad has let me fish from the time I was able to hold a rod. My parents have done all they can to get me to go camping and to give me the equipment needed for camping. So, when October came around this year, I had made up my mind to ask Dad if I could go hunting. I remember that night when I asked Dad; he said, "We will see." I remember that night as if it had been last night.

But when the first few days of the season had flown by, I began to fear that perhaps Dad had forgotten that I wanted to go. On the second Saturday, however, he told me I might go. He gave me a twelve-gauge repeating pump-action gun to use. I was glad he let me use that gun because I had thought that I would have to use an old single-shot gun. The morning of that day he got me up early and gave me the gun and some shells for it. Soon Mr. McMahony, the man we were to hunt with, drove up, and in a few minutes we were deep in the woods in the western part of town.

As we walked through the woods, not fifteen minutes after we left the road, McMahony's dog jumped a rabbit and the rabbit ran in front of me, about two feet away. Why I did not shoot I will never know.

We tramped around in a valley and Dad tried a couple of hard shots, which he missed, through no fault of his own. After about an hour, Dad told me to follow a brook that ran alongside a ridge where there was usually plenty of game. He told me that if I followed the ridge north, I would come out on the road. I followed the brook down to a power line and then I discovered I could not find the ridge. Of course I was frightened and puzzled. I had an idea and fired my gun. Dad would be sure to come to see what I was shooting at. As I did not want to waste shells, I fired at crows, and I had one shot at a woodcock, which I missed. I spaced my shots so they would be fired with regular timing. At last Dad came and asked what I was shooting at. I told him woodcocks, so he would not know I was lost. He said, "Mr. McMahony and I will go on down the brook and see what we can find. You hunt around here, and then go back to the car."

Of course the thought of their leaving frightened me, but I remembered that Dad had said "and then go back to the car"; so I was sure the road was not far away. I remembered a story from my outdoor magazine. It had said that if you are lost, follow a brook and you are sure to come to a house or a road. So I followed the brook and came out on the road.

After I got home, I was thinking over my first hunting trip, and I decided that even if I got no game and even though I got lost, I still had had fun.







## EVERY GIRL FOR HERSELF

I don't know why, but I knew there'd be trouble the minute I saw him. Of course I'm talking about the new boy that came to our school three weeks ago. His name was Danny Green. He had a build like Atlas and looked like Guy Madison. Just as I thought it would, trouble came.

It started during noon hour of the first day he came to school. About twenty of the girls were in the main room. Naturally the talk turned to the new boy. This and that was said. Sally Hanage (who, incidentally, is a very pretty girl) made the statement that she was going to catch him for herself. Of course that made the rest of us angry, and the result was a good argument. Before the argument was over, everyone was angry at everyone else. The final result was that it should be every girl for herself.

The week went by in a hectic way, with no one speaking to anyone else unless to make some sarcastic remark. There was a feeling of tension throughout the school. The girls' basketball team couldn't seem to win, because of a lack of teamwork.

The following Monday brought another new member to our school; only this time it was a girl. Her name was Ramona Daley, and a cuter girl I've never seen. She was small and very nicely put together. Her hair was a soft golden color, and she had big blue eyes. The rest of us fought valiantly, but we lost. The next thing we knew Ramona had hooked Danny and they were going steady.

The whole atmosphere in school changed. The girls started smiling at each other again. Sally Hanage called a meeting for all the girls in the main room. Everyone decided that no boy was worth the trouble Danny Green had caused us. So everyone apologized. The girls' team won the rest of its games, and everyone remarked on how excellent the teamwork was. Mr. Tab, our principal, is still puzzled over the change.

Carolyn Thayer '52

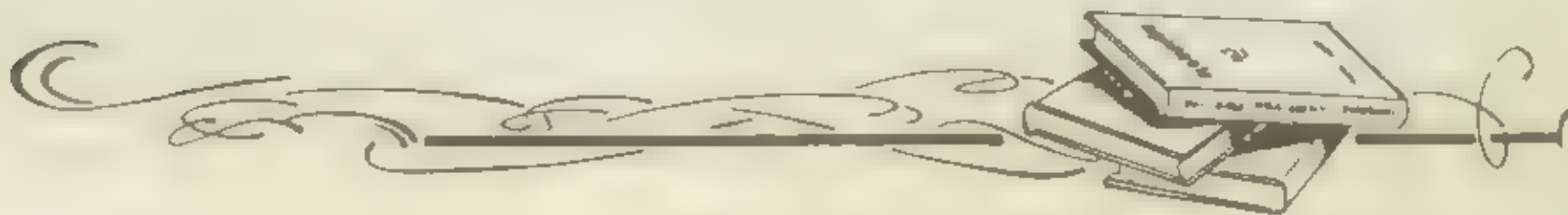
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Le monsieur: Pourquoi pleures-tu?

Le petit garçon: J'ai rêvé que l'école avait brûlé.

Le monsieur: Mais tu vois que ce n'est pas vrai.

Le petit garçon: C'est bien pour ça que je pleure.





# School Celebrities

## GIRL

## BOY

Best Looking	Beverly Elliott	Jimmie Johnson
Best Athlete	Shirley Dorow	Melvin Merritt
Best Dancers	Connie Barnes	Melvin Merritt
Most Flirtatious	Barbara Merritt	Freddie Elliott
Most to be Admired	Beverly Elliott	Melvin Merritt
Quietest	Sally Harris	Ernest Phillips
School Hustlers	Beverly Elliott	Melvin Merritt
Personality Kids	Sally Harris	Robert Thayer
Best School Spirit	Shirley Dorow	Melvin Merritt
School Comedians	June Legare	Dorrance Cooley
Most Cooperative	Beverly Elliott	Melvin Merritt
Cutest	Carol Cooper	Robert Thayer
Most Popular	Beverly Elliott	Melvin Merritt
Most Talkative	Kathryn Baldwin	Dorrance Cooley
Most Independent	Kathryn Baldwin	Robert Douthit
Most Outstanding	Beverly Elliott	Melvin Merritt
Most Mischievous	Kathryn Baldwin	Dorrance Cooley
Best Singer	Ann Yonker	Basil Coolidge
Neatest	Ann Bryant	Freddie Elliott
Best Actor	_____	Roger Greenough
Best Actress	Marjorie Harper	_____
Best Natured	Sally Harris	Melvin Merritt
Most Studious	Ann Bryant	Melvin Merritt



# Statistics

NAME	NICKNAME	LIKES	DISLIKES	BEST IN	WILL BE
<u>Kathryn Baldwin</u>	"Kitty"	Senior in N. S. A.	To sit still	Talking	Nurse
<u>Robert Douthitt</u>	"Bobby"	Golf	To behave	Algebra	Pro golfer
<u>Beverly Elliott</u>	"Bev"	The boys	Being alone	Flirting	Med. Socy.
<u>Melvin Merritt</u>	"Mel"	Basketball	Gossip	Checkers	Lumberjack
<u>Constance Barnes</u>	"Connie"	Millers Falls	P.H.S. boys	Cooking	Housewife
<u>James Johnson</u>	"Jimmy"	To fool	Girls (?)	History (?)	Girl chaser
<u>George Recos</u>	"Georgie"	The girls	Book reports	Making eyes	Farmer
<u>Dorrance Cooley</u>	"Dosey"	To talk	School	Taunting	Farmer
<u>Lucille Cooley</u>	"Lucy"	Reggie	Other boys	Washing dishes	Housewife
<u>Carol Cooper</u>	"Cooner"	Algebra (?)	Boys (?)	Civics	Secretary
<u>Shirley Dorow</u>	"Shirl"	Sports	Cooking	Basketball	Athlete
<u>Frederick Elliott</u>	"Treidy"	A Freshman	Work	Farming	Farmer
<u>Marjorie Harper</u>	"Midgie"	New Salem	New cars (?)	Acting	Actress
<u>Sally Harris</u>	"Cappie"	School (?)	Getting all A's	Selling Mags.	Salesman
<u>June Lezare</u>	"Junie"	Dancing	Algebra	Being silly	Nurse
<u>Barbara Merritt</u>	"Bar"	Barre	Boys (?)	Making eyes	Secretary





# Statistics

NAME	WICKEDNESS	LIES	DISLIKES	EST IN	WILL DO
<u>George Williams</u>	"Long John"	Biology	Working	Sports	Naturalist
<u>Henry Adams</u>	"Honny"	Respectability	The boys	Being cheerful	Secretary
<u>Ann Brown</u>	"Ann"	To study	Being teased	English	A nurse
<u>Paul Collins</u>	"Peter"	High Grade	Working	History	Band leader
<u>Roger Campbell</u>	"Roger"	Business Math	School	Talking (?)	xxxxxxxxxxxx
<u>Allen Matthews</u>	"Eddie"	Joke	Other girls	Holding hands	Husband
<u>Robert Thomas</u>	"Bobby"	Girls	Homework	Talking girls	Good looking
<u>Charles Miller</u>	"Carol"	The boys	Being quiet	Bothering people	Wife
<u>Vera Vaneck</u>	"Vicky"	To bowl (?)	Boys (?)	Dating (?)	Artist
<u>Jerome Walsh</u>	"Jerry"	Being quiet	Talking (?)	Joking	Lawyer
<u>Ann Yonker</u>	"Ann"	Joe	Scarlet fever	Cooking (?)	Housewife

Mr. Olson: How do you think you made out in the exam?

George: Oh, just like Napoleon. I went down in history.

Mr. Olson: Why were the Middle Ages called the Dark Ages?

Helvin: Because there were so many knights.



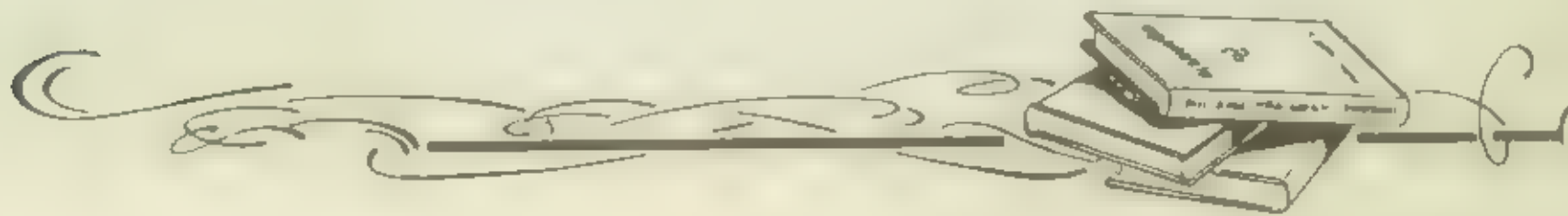


## S O N G H I T S

Kathryn Baldwin.	"You Were Only Pooling"
Robert Douthit	"My Little Boy"
Beverly Elliott	"Buttons and Beaus"
Melvin Merritt	"You Can't Be True Dear"
Connie Barnes	"I Found a New Love"
Jimmie Johnson	"Marilee"
George Recos	"Beautiful, Beautiful Brown Eyes"
Dorrance Cooley	"Down on the Farm"
Lucille Cooley	"Love, Love, Love"
Carol Cooper	"My Darling"
Shirley Dorow	"I'm Beginning to Care"
Frederick Elliott	"Never Trust a Woman"
Marjorie Harper	"People Will Say We're in Love"
Sally Harris	"Everybody Knew It but Me"
June Legare	"I'll Walk Alone"
Barbara Merritt	"Anyone Will Do"
Ernest Phillips	"Nature Boy"
Nancy Adams	"Those Certain Parties"
Ann Bryant	"I'm a Big Girl Now"
Basil Cookidge	"I'm Looking for a Sweetheart"
Roger Greenough	"I Love to Roam"
Alden Phillips	"Janie with the Light Brown Hair"
Carolyn Thayer	"If I Were the Only Girl"
Robert Thayer	"Ma, She's Making Eyes at Me"
Vera Varney	"All of Me"
Jerome Walsh	"They Go Wild, Simply Wild Over Me"
Ann Yonker	"Here Comes the Army"
Richard Warrington	"I Just Couldn't Say Good-by"
Freshman Boys	"Touch <u>Us</u> Not"

Mr. Robbins	"St. Louis (Basketball) Blues"
Mr. Bagley	"A Little Bird Told Me"
Mr. Olson	"Galway Bay"
Miss McCarthy	"Jack, Jack, Jack"
Miss Dawson	"Why Do I Love You?"
Miss Amsden	"In My Merry Oldsmobile"

Kathryn Baldwin '49









## A L U M N I

### CLASS OF '45

James Barnes is attending Chauncey Hall Preparatory School in Boston. Florence May Cooley is living at home and is managing the Highland Beauty Shop in Barre.

Glenn Lawson lives in Petersham and is working at Union Twist Drill in Athol.

Gordon Mitchell has been discharged from the Navy and is living at home.

Doris (Nelson) Coolidge is married and is living in Concord, Mass.

Ruth (Newbury) Bassingthwaite is living in Petersham. She has a son, Robert.

John LePoer is attending Worcester State Teachers' College and is living at home.

Leo LaPointe is living at Dexters' in Petersham.

### CLASS OF '46

Bernard Barnes Jr. is working at the Paper Mills in Irving, Mass., and is living at home.

M. Kathryn Brunelle is one of the operators at the telephone office and is living at home.

Constance (Burdett) Hall is living in Hubbardston and has one child.

Laura Knowles is working at the telephone office and living at home.

Shirley (Preble) LaPointe is living at Dexters' in Petersham.

Gabriel Recos Jr. is living at home and going to the University of Massachusetts.

Clifford Upham is living in Petersham and working in the Barre Wool-on Mills.

Ann Withington is attending Westfield State Teachers' College.

### CLASS OF '47

Virginia Bates has been working at Leavitt's in Orange. She is now living at home. Her engagement to Harold Williams of Leverett has been announced.

Robert Belden is living at home and going to Clark University. He has been on the Dean's list there. He is working part time at Hutchinson's store.

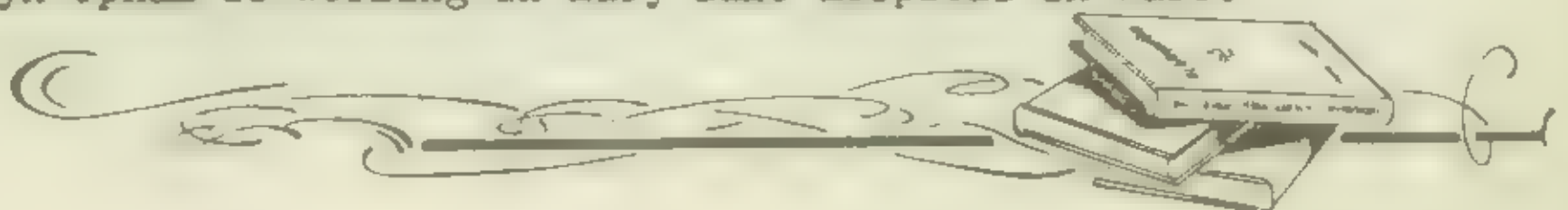
Stuart Bryant is working in Athol at Union Twist Drill and is living at home.

Rosalie Clark is working in Athol and living at home.

May LePoer is training to be a nurse at Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester.

Rosemary (Sullivan) Hayes is living in South Barre.

Evelyn Upham is working in Mary Lane Hospital in Ware.







## ALUMNI (Continued)

Lawrence White is in the Navy and stationed on the Phillippine Sea.

### CLASS OF '48

Lois Adams works at Union Twist Drill and lives at home.

Carlyn Bryant is training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Sally Cooley is working in Orange and living at home.

Douglas Cooley is living at home.

Arline Dorow is going to Worcester State Teachers' College and lives with relatives in Shrewsbury.

Ernest Johnson works and lives at home.

Richard Recos is in the Navy.

Richard Warrington is taking a post graduate course at P. H. S.

### CLASS OF '24

Olive (Yonker) Vickers is the owner of Petersham's first Beauty Salon. She has one daughter.

Charlotte (Wilder) Douthit lives on the Wilder farm with her parents and children. She is hostess at the Petersham Country Club.

Marion (Anderson) Crimmins lives in Greenfield. She has two daughters and one grandchild.

Virginia (Ferguson) Brown lives in Foxboro. She graduated from Becker Junior College, and before her marriage she was secretary to the president of the Foxboro bank. She has two daughters.

Anna (Almquist) Betz now lives in Taunton.

Marion (Miller) DeRoche now lives in Weston, Mass., where, at last report, she is carrying on her late father's business.

Mildred (Buell) Brockway was graduated from Cooley-Dickins Hospital Training School. She was visiting nurse in Northampton for fifteen years. She has two children.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO (1899)

According to the best information we could find there was no graduating class from P.H.S. fifty years ago. Between the years from about 1896 to about 1908 the town was without a high school. The present building was started in 1906 and was dedicated on May 22, 1908. It will be 1958 before another fifty-years class will be celebrating.

### ALUMNI NOTES

In 1947 the Alumni Association held an election after a lapse of six or seven years time. During the war years not much more









## A L U M N I (Continued)

could be done than to take care of the books and funds, but the annual Alumni Dance was held and proceeds were given to the Red Cross. With the election of new officers and reorganization of affairs the long outstanding student loans were received and put back into the treasury. The fund is now larger than at anytime and this year one more loan went to a deserving graduate of P. H. S. Mr. Robbins will contact the loan committee for any pupil interested.

The officers of the association now are: Philip Amidon, President; Lawrence Nelson, Treasurer; and Elsie Buell, Secretary.

(For these notes and for the material about the classes of twenty-five years ago and fifty years ago we are indebted to Mrs. Emma Barnes. We want to thank her for her kindness in helping us.)

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### FAREWELL JUNIOR HIGH (To the tune of Aloha Oe)

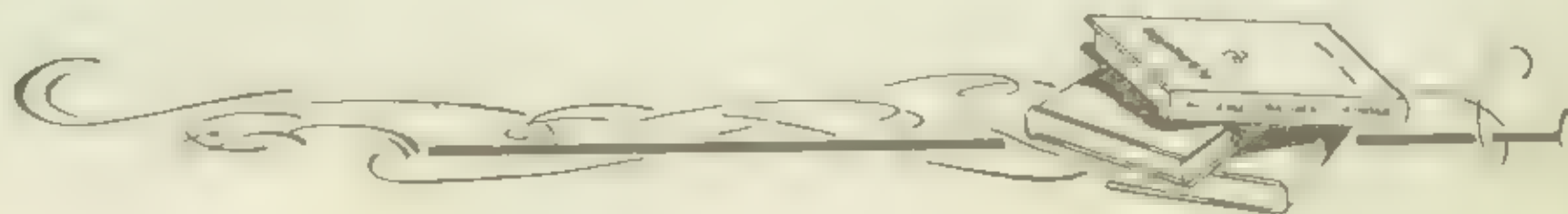
We will e're remember Junior High,  
No matter where our feet have strayed,  
And we'll always think of days gone by,  
And sometimes we will wish we could have stayed.

Farewell to thee, farewell to thee;  
The joys of Junior High are left behind.  
Though we may part, we never shall forget  
The thanks we owe to thee.

Clarke Johnson '63

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The members of the Junior and Senior Classes wish to extend special thanks to Carol Cooper for her excellent assistance in the sale of advertising. Thanks are extended also to Lucille Cooley for her aid. If there is anyone we forgot to thank, we do so now. We take it for granted that all those, not members of our classes, who are listed on the staff page know that their work is much appreciated.





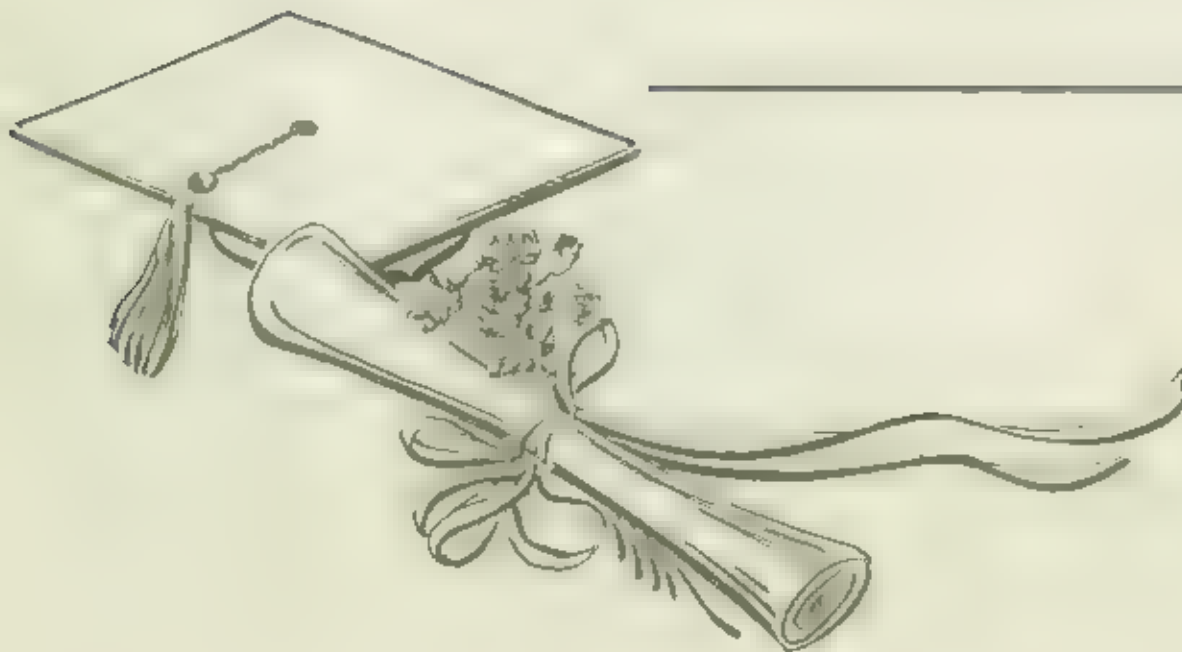




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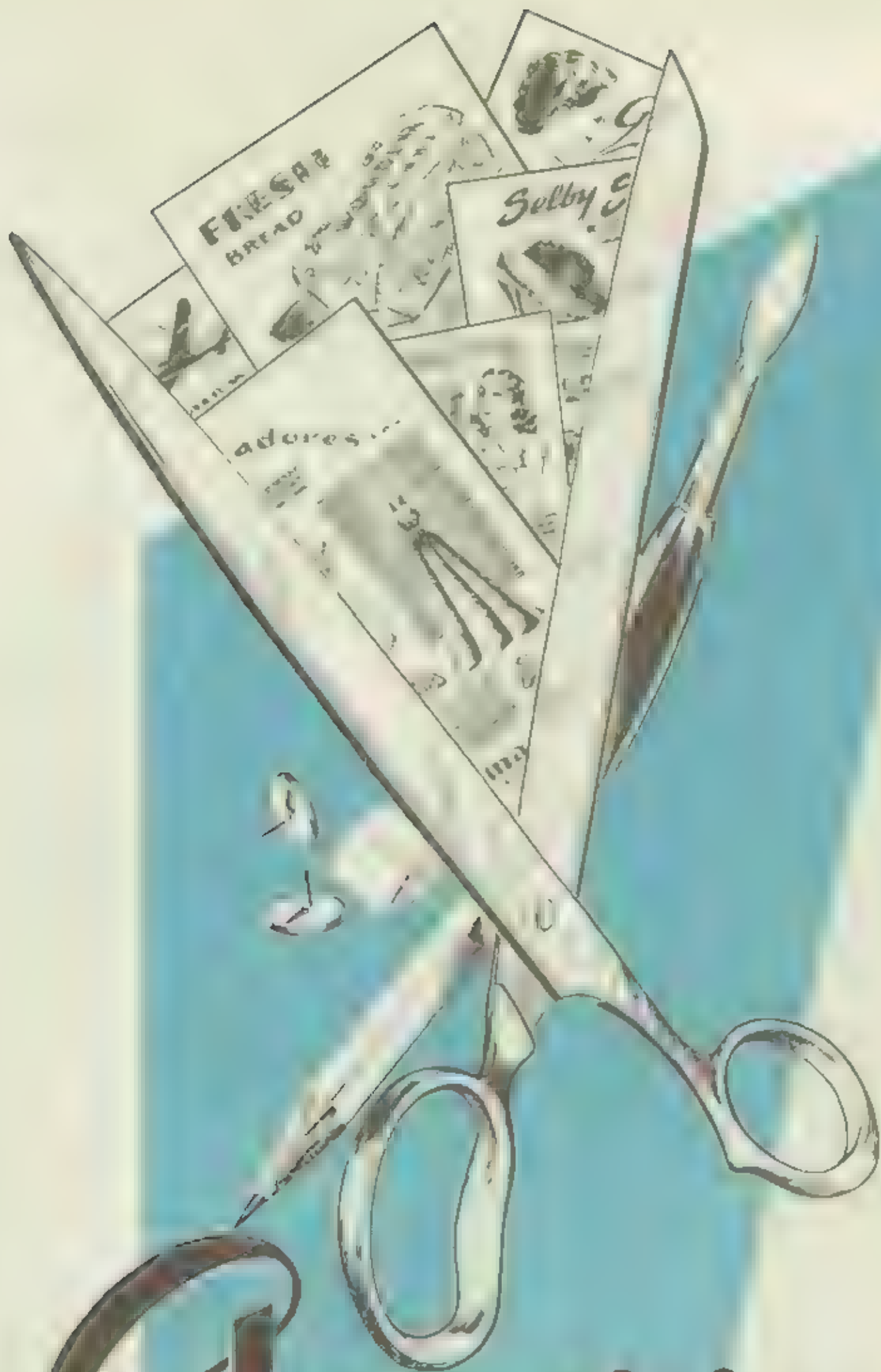












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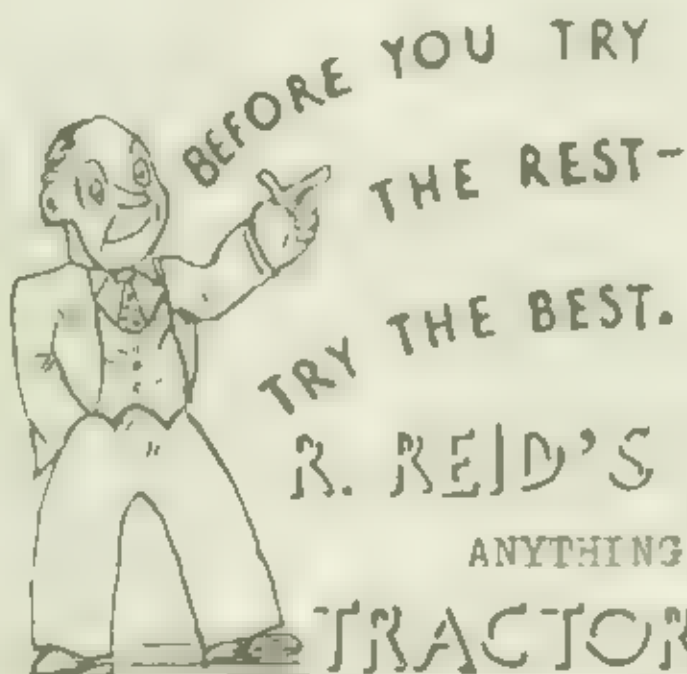
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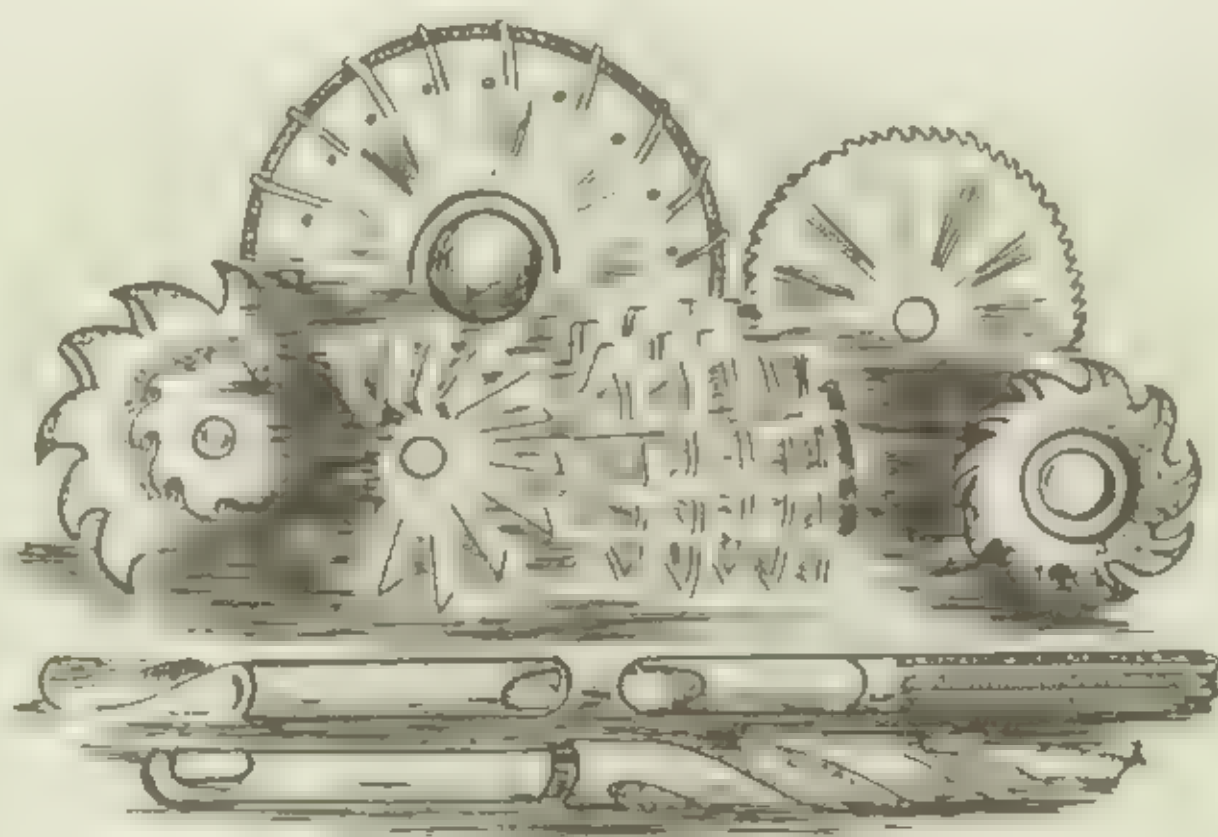
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